

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 7-16 are under consideration since claims 1-6 and 17-20 have been withdrawn from consideration due to a restriction requirement. The allowability of claims 8-16 if rewritten in independent form is noted.

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 7 and which include removing the word "substrate" and replacing it with "carrier board."

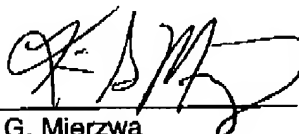
Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Tomita* (5,876,245). Claim 7 has been cancelled above. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 7. Applicants therefore believe the application is now in condition for allowance.

A new oath/declaration was not in the application. Applicants have included the oath/declaration as originally electronically submitted.

Applicants respectfully believe that all rejections are now overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments, the Examiner is directed to contact the undersigned directly.

Please charge any fees required in the filing of this amendment to deposit account 50,2401.

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